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GOVERNOR NAMES JUDGES IN THIRD AND SIXTH DISTRICTS

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter appointed Caldwell attorney **Susan Wiebe** to fill a judgeship in the Third Judicial District today, and elevated Bannock County Magistrate **Robert Naftz** of Pocatello to a Sixth District judgeship.

Wiebe, 47, is a North Carolina native with a bachelor's degree from Boise State University and a law degree from the University of Idaho. She worked for the Boundary County Prosecutor in Bonners Ferry, the Coeur d'Alene City Attorney, the Kootenai County Prosecutor in Coeur d'Alene and as a deputy attorney general before going into private practice in Boise and later Caldwell.

"I accept this appointment with a profound sense of humility and a keen awareness of the tremendous responsibility that being a district judge entails," said Wiebe, who succeeds retiring Judge Stephen Drescher. "I eagerly look forward to meeting and working with all of the court staff in the Third Judicial District."

Naftz, 47, is a Colorado native with a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University and a law degree from the University of Idaho. He was in private practice until going to work as a deputy attorney general in 2000, and was appointed a Bannock County magistrate in 2004.

"I have been fortunate to serve the citizens of the state of Idaho as a magistrate, and I am equally privileged and honored that Governor Otter has the confidence in me to serve as a district judge," said Naftz, who succeeds retiring Judge Peter McDermott.

"It speaks volumes about the quality of our people that we have such well-qualified and civic-minded individuals willing to serve Idaho's citizens as judges," Governor Otter said. "I'm confident that our new Third and Sixth District judges will dispense justice wisely and well, and will make us all proud to live here in Idaho."

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